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## A History of the Early Youth Band of the Town of Greenbelt

by Kathleen Scott McFarland

Once upon a time there was a town, built by the government as a planned community, surrounded by woods far away from Washington. A town a classmate once called the "Emerald City," where the town leaders formed a band for young people, ages 12 through high school. The town was Greenbelt and the year was 1940 and I was lucky enough to be part of the original Greenbelt Community Band.

The band was carefully planned. Instruments were obtained from surplus stocks belonging to military bands. Notices went out in the town's newspaper, the Greenbelt Cooperator, for young people who wished to learn to play an instrument to attend a meeting at Center School (now our Community Center). A young musician and educator, Paul T. Garrett, was hired to be the conductor of the band. He interviewed the applicants and assigned each one to an appropriate instrument. A Parents Board was established to set up rules and make sure the



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN SCOTT

Clarinet pupils in 1946 or '47, front row from left, Judy Lewis, Patsy Dunbar and Valerie Ramsdell; middle row from left, Bob Love and Bruce MacEwen; back row from left, Buddy Giersch, twins Charles and Dickie Barlow, Freddie Pfeiffer and C.C. Caruso

children attended each practice. I was given a little wooden E-flat clarinet.

Most of the members of this new band had never before

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### County Extends Indoor Covid Mask Mandate

The Prince George's County Council has voted to extend the indoor mask mandate until Wednesday, March 9. It was set to expire on January 23.

## Greenbelters Celebrate Ban on Nuclear Weapons



PHOTO BY EMBASSY STAFF

From left, Donna Hoffmeister, Carol Gilbert, Security Officer Anthony and Andrea Norouzi stand outside the Trinidad and Tobago Embassy. See story, page 7.

## Roosevelt Center Merchants Update Council on Challenges

by Matthew Arbach

Roosevelt Center merchants face a regrettably similar set of economic challenges from the new Covid-19 Omicron surge, with recovery plans put on hold once more by the recent drop of in-person traffic. The majority of the Center's businesses, like the Old Greenbelt Theatre (OGT) and the New Deal Café, rely on people, in varying degrees, to bring in revenue. The Roosevelt Center Merchants Association (RCMA) met with the Greenbelt City Council on Wednesday, January 19 to provide an update on their struggles and successes. While acknowledging their daunting

personal challenges, the members shared an optimistic look to the future that is based on working together and with the city to solve many of their common problems.

RCMA Chair and OGT Executive Director Caitlin McGrath notified council that a Greenbelt Business Alliance is in the early stages of formation and would potentially unite all of the city's businesses in a common cause of surviving this difficult period. Said McGrath, "There is strength in numbers." In addition, Economic Development Coordinator Charisse Liggins and her staff

continue to make outreach to all the city's businesses, with technical advice and connecting to resources from corporate entities and county, state and federal governments. Members of the RCMA had unanimous respect and gratitude for Liggins's indispensable efforts.

Dan Gillotte, general manager of the Co-op Supermarket, said things are "doing fairly well," citing supply issues at times, increased costs like the \$3 per hour raise to staff and instances of staff burn-out from the constant

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## Greenbelt's Badminton Club Offers a Sport for All Ages

by Kyla Hanington

It turns out my daughter Anja is pretty good at badminton. I guess that's all right, but when I invited her to join me at Greenbelt's badminton club on Sunday I had the script already prepared. I would be the one who would turn out to be surprisingly good at badminton, to the delight and amazement of the assembled players.

"Wow," they'd say. "And you've never played before?"

I'd affect a tone of humility. "Well, not since I was a small girl playing alone in the wilds of British Columbia."

"You played badminton by yourself?"

I'd shake my head. "We had to make our own fun in those days...."

Surprisingly, things did not go quite as planned. That is not to say that I was not good at some parts of badminton, specifically the missing-the-birdie parts and the standing-rooted-in-one-spot-while-taking-a-birdie-to-the-face parts, but not quite as in touch with my epic athleticism as I had anticipated.

Luckily, the other people at the Youth Center on Sunday were



PHOTO BY DANIEL R. HAMLIN

Anja Hanington returns a birdie to Kyla in the Youth Center gym.

### What Goes On

**Monday, January 31**  
**8 p.m.**, City Council Worksession: City Manager's Update

**Wednesday, February 2**

**8 p.m.**, Council Worksession: National Park Service/Greenbelt Park

All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at [greenbeltdmd.gov](http://greenbeltdmd.gov) for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.

encouraging and patient, and skilled enough players to get the birdie to land exactly in the center of my racquet time and time again, requiring me to have very little in the way of what we might call ability to still have a wonderful time.

Greenbelt's badminton club was founded about three months ago by Peter Teuben, who has been playing since university and currently serves as the faculty advisor for the University of Maryland's club badminton team. He noticed that badminton is among Greenbelt Recreation's plans for establishing a club. There's been a positive response, with people of all ages attending the weekly drop-in sessions and a core group of regulars there to lead, support and rally newcomers.

Peter took me through the

basics of badminton, from a brief overview of the history to explaining the shuttlecock (birdie). I had used a synthetic birdie before but Peter showed me some made from goose feathers. "They're from the left wings of geese," Peter said, as the feathers' curvature allows the shuttlecock to fly true.

"What... what happens to the right wing feathers?" I wondered.

Pillows and such, of course. That made it harder for me to imagine that shuttlecock makers were just coaxing their beloved pet goose over, gently tugging out 16 feathers and sending it back to play in its little goose playground. The good news, for anyone who is sensitive about such things, is that synthetic

See **BADMINTON**, page 11



Great Blue Heron and Mallard duck

PHOTO BY CHARLES JACKMAN



House Sparrow

PHOTO BY GLENN HARRIS



A Tufted Titmouse on Lakeside Drive

PHOTO BY HEATHER ETIUS

**Corrections**

In the article on county eviction policies in last week's issue, the person in the photo is Lt. Colonel John Carr of the sheriff's office. The caption has been corrected in the digital issue posted on the News Review website.

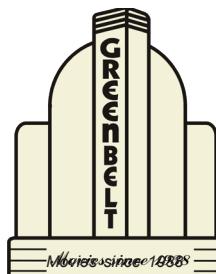
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English subtitles

FRI. 5:30 PM

SAT. 7:15 PM

SUN. 5:00 PM

MON. 2:00 PM



The floor isn't lava,  
it just needs to be vacuumed.

- Michael Kusie

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**On Screen at Old Greenbelt Theatre****Drive My Car**

(Presented in Japanese with English subtitles)

Two years after his wife's unexpected death, Yusuke Kafuku, a renowned stage actor and director, receives an offer to direct a production of Uncle Vanya at a theater festival in Hiroshima. There, he meets Misaki Watari, a taciturn young woman assigned by the festival to chauffeur him in his beloved red Saab 900. As the production's premiere approaches, tensions mount among the cast and crew, not least between Yusuke and Koji Takatsuki, a handsome TV star who shares an unwelcome connection to Yusuke's late wife. Forced to confront painful truths raised from his past, Yusuke begins – with the help of his driver – to face the haunting mysteries his wife left behind. Adapted from Haruki Murakami's short story, Drive My Car is a haunting road movie traveling a path of love, loss, acceptance and peace. It won three prizes at the 2021 Cannes Film Festival, including Best Screenplay.

Not Rated, running time 179 minutes

**The Tragedy of Macbeth**

Denzel Washington and Frances McDormand star in Joel Coen's bold and fierce adaptation of the Shakespeare classic – a tale of murder, madness, ambition and wrathful cunning.

"What lingers in the mind after this version of ... Macbeth is not specific line deliveries or bravura acting moments – although the cast all acquit themselves well – but images and sounds," says Isaac Butler in Slate Magazine. "The smear of blood on Macbeth's cheek. The circling crows. The fog out of which characters emerge. The ominous strings of Carter Burwell's score. The dripping and knocking and pounding. These fragments remain, like the shards of a dream, one you're happy to have awakened from but also long to return to, so you can discover what profundities lie within."

Rated R, running time 105 minutes

# Community Events

## Negro League Baseball Featured at Exhibit

On Saturday, February 5 and Sunday, February 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Springhill Lake Recreation Center will present an exhibit by the Hubert V. Simons Museum of Negro Leagues Baseball, Inc. The museum administers projects designed to educate, advocate and generate widespread interest surrounding the Negro League from the 1800s to the 1950s. In addition to the traveling exhibit, Luther Atkinson, who played for the Satchel Paige All-Stars, and Geraldine Day, the widow of Hall of Famer Leon Day, will be present.

All participants must wear masks and maintain physical distancing.

## Astronomical Society January Meeting

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt invites the public to its January meeting, to be held Thursday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be virtual by Zoom, with the link posted on the Society's calendar at [greenbeltastro.org/events](http://greenbeltastro.org/events). All are welcome.

The speaker will be Alessandra Springmann, a planetary science Ph.D. candidate at the University of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory who studies meteorites, comets and asteroids. She will be discussing her previous work at the Arecibo Observatory in Puerto Rico using the megawatt planetary radar system to search for near-earth asteroids, as well as the legacy of Arecibo and the future of the observatory.

## Sen. Pinsky Offers 2022 Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for State Senator Paul Pinsky's 2022 Senatorial Scholarship. Those applying should be current high school seniors or full-time and part-time degree-seeking undergraduate or graduate students who live in the 22nd Legislative District.

The application is available online at [senatorpinsky.org](http://senatorpinsky.org). Complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in addition to the scholarship application.

Selection is based on academic achievement, financial need and commitment to higher education. Awards range from \$500 to \$2,000.

For anyone who received an award from Senator Pinsky during a previous academic year, the award will be renewed automatically as long as the awardee maintained satisfactory academic progress. For more information call 301-858-3155 or email [paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us](mailto:paul.pinsky@senate.state.md.us). The application deadline is April 3.

## Order Free Rapid Home Covid-19 Tests

The federal government is making available free at-home Covid-19 tests, with each residential household in the U.S. eligible to order one set of four rapid antigen tests. The brief order form, asking for only contact and shipping information, takes just a moment to fill out. The form and more information can be found at [COVIDtests.gov](https://COVIDtests.gov). Orders will ship within 7 to 12 days, with delivery by the U.S. Postal Service.

## City Celebrates Centenarians

The City of Greenbelt would like to celebrate Greenbelt residents who have reached the milestone age of 100 years. To have a loved one or friend recognized, contact Rebekah Sutfin at 240-542-2056 or [rsutfin@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:rsutfin@greenbeltdmd.gov). The centenarian can choose from a variety of options to celebrate.

The city will continue to promote senior services and appreciation throughout the year. Recognizing the city's diverse population, Greenbelt seeks to celebrate centenarians' experiences and wisdom, provide activities that meet their needs and encourage seniors to age in place here in Greenbelt.

## Social Security Admin. Warns of Scams

The Social Security Administration (SSA) has issued a warning about ongoing scams related to Social Security numbers. The SSA notes that it will never threaten, scare or pressure anyone to take an immediate action. A call, text or email that threatens to suspend a Social Security number; warns of arrest or other legal action; demands immediate payment by gift card, prepaid debit card, internet currency or mailing cash; pressures for personal information; requests secrecy; threatens to seize a bank account; or promises to increase the Social Security benefit, is a scam.

Scammers may try to gain trust by providing fake documentation or evidence or giving the name of a real government official. Do not give money or personal information when threatened or pressured. Ignore the scammers – hang up and do not respond. Government employees will not threaten you or demand immediate payment.

Those receiving suspicious calls, texts or emails that mention Social Security can report them to the SSA Office of the Inspector General at [OIG.SSA.gov](http://OIG.SSA.gov).

## Library Plans Black Artists Exhibition

The Prince George's County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) is seeking works for the Black & Proud+ Art Exhibit happening this spring. The exhibit

will showcase a broad spectrum of visual imagery and poetic expression. PGCMLS is eager to share with the library community artwork that celebrates the passion and vitality of Black Queer life.

Submissions are open to high school students and adults in Prince George's County and the DMV area. Submissions are due by Monday, January 31. For more information about the exhibit and submission process, visit [bit.ly/34xDTvV](http://bit.ly/34xDTvV).

  
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name?  
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See page 8 to get yours!

## Arts Advisory Board Holds Virtual Meeting

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1 on Zoom. Business will include the selection of a representative to the Grant Review Panel for Recognition Groups. For access information, email [ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov) or call 301-474-8000 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## At the Library

Prince George's County Memorial Library System continues to offer virtual events for the public. A full schedule of upcoming programs may be accessed at [pgcmls.info/events](http://pgcmls.info/events).

### Covid Tests

The Greenbelt Library is no longer receiving Covid tests for free distribution. The Laurel and New Carrollton branches are the nearest libraries to still offer them, but supplies are limited. An announcement will be issued via [pgcmls.info](http://pgcmls.info) and @PGCMLS on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram when additional test kits become available. Check [pgcmls.info/coronavirus](http://pgcmls.info/coronavirus) for updates.

Library staff are maintaining a Covid-19 Testing Resources guide that can help individuals source PCR and rapid-antigen testing from various local and online providers. Visit [pgcmls.info/coronavirus](http://pgcmls.info/coronavirus) for more information.

### Immigrant Proud

Supporting the 200,000+ immigrants and refugees who live and work in Prince George's County has long been a Library priority. This winter, the Library launches Immigrant Proud, a campaign to highlight the rich resources available to immigrants.

Immigrant Proud showcases books and online resources to support language learning and legal needs, free citizenship bundles to support preparation for citizenship exams, as well as programs like English classes for English language learners, Kids Achieve Club virtual tutoring for students in grades 1 to 4, Leamos literacy classes for Spanish speakers, citizenship study groups and language conversation clubs for informal practice. An overview of resources is available at the Library's Immigrant Proud webpage ([pgcmls.info/immigrantproud](http://pgcmls.info/immigrantproud)) and on displays in branch libraries.

### U.S. Passports

The Greenbelt Library is a U.S. Passport Acceptance Facility. Applications are accepted by appointment; schedule a 30-minute appointment by calling 240-455-5451 or visiting [pgcmls.info/passport-services](http://pgcmls.info/passport-services). Families with multiple applicants must schedule separate appointments for each person.

### FAFSA Help

Live assistance in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application is offered via Brainfuse HelpNow. This service provides students and families with personalized support as they navigate the process of applying to college and seeking federal financial aid. Tutors are available Mondays through Thursdays from 2 to 11 p.m. to assist students and parents with the FAFSA application at any stage in the application process.

## ERHS Students Hold Coat Drive

Help your neighbors and clean your closet by donating to the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Coat Drive on now through Sunday, February 6. The coats will go to Roosevelt students who don't have good cold weather gear. Collection boxes are located at the Youth Center and Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket.

## GHI Seeks Member Input in Survey

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Transition Task Force is seeking members' help to assist GHI's preparation for a general manager leadership transition. Eldon Ralph, who has been the general manager since 2011, has indicated that he has begun to think about retirement.

The task force has prepared a short survey that asks members what they would like to see changed at GHI, what should stay the same and what are key attributes of the next general manager. This feedback will help the Board of Directors understand members' wishes for the leadership transition and inform the Board of what types of candidates to look for and ultimately select.

The link to the Google survey form is: [surveymonkey.com/r/WDF7LKM](https://surveymonkey.com/r/WDF7LKM). Paper copies of the survey are available from the GHI administration office during business hours. Completed surveys may be returned to the office. Members are asked to complete online surveys and return paper surveys to the office before Wednesday, February 9. Please complete only one survey per member.

To encourage members to participate and to thank those who do, six survey respondents will be randomly chosen to receive \$50 gift certificates to the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket. Two of the gift certificates have already been awarded – congratulations to Dana Cocchiarella and Chris Herman. To be entered into the raffle, name and address must be entered where indicated in the survey.

## GRE Virtual Meeting Tuesday, February 1

The Greenbelt Racial Equity Alliance (GRE) monthly meeting will be held Tuesday, February 1 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. through Zoom. Agenda items include reparations, city elections, 2022 Maryland Legislative session, evictions, American Rescue Plan funds, council work plan and the Greenbelt FY 2023 budget. For a link to the meeting, go to the GRE website at [greenbeltracialequity.org/events](http://greenbeltracialequity.org/events).

## Final Training Session On Effective Meetings

Join the Center for Dynamic Community Governance on Monday, February 7 from 7 to 9 p.m., on Zoom for the fourth and final virtual training session on Making Meetings Work for Everyone at [us02web.zoom.us/j/7323013592](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7323013592).

This series focuses on making hybrid meetings work for persons who are sighted, low-vision and blind while working on improving basic meeting governance skills. All are welcome, whether they have attended prior sessions or are eager to learn with this community. For more information, email [aileen@dynamic-governance.org](mailto:aileen@dynamic-governance.org).

## February 11 Is Next Local Blood Drive

The Greenbelt Recreation blood drive on Friday, February 11, is fully booked. Appointments are still available at the American Legion blood drive on March 14. Farther afield, but closer in time, the Knights of Columbus on Cherry Hill Road in College Park have appointments available for their drive on Monday, February 14 – a blood donation would be a true gift from the heart on Valentine's Day.

Sign up at [redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive](http://redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive). Search ZIP code 20770 under Find a Drive. Walk-ins are not permitted.

## Greenbelt Access Television Jan 28, Fri – Feb 3, Thu

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9am	GATE Classic Film • Film Noir	Too Late for Tears • 1949 Lizabeth Scott
11am	Greenbelt Newsreel	Community Programming
Noon	Democracy Now!	Today's Syndicated Program
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# Obituaries

## Mary Haslinger Rogers



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

### Mary Haslinger Rogers

Mary Haslinger Rogers died on January 7, 2022, surrounded by her family in the home they shared outside London, England, for almost 40 years. She was 70 years old.

Mary was born in Bethesda Naval Hospital on September 17, 1951, the ninth of 10 children of Joseph T. and Henrietta (Poh) Haslinger. She grew up in the 11 Court of Ridge Road and spent many happy summer days at the Greenbelt Pool and evenings playing hide and seek and can of sardines with the dozens of neighborhood kids. She attended St. Hugh's Elementary School, Elizabeth Seton High School and the University of Maryland, graduating with a degree in psychology.

While at Maryland, she met Gregory Rogers of Millersville, Md.; they married in 1976. They lived in Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Paris while Greg pursued a career in entertainment marketing. Eventually they settled in the small village of Letchmore Heath, just outside of London, where they had two sons and Mary immersed herself in their schooling, scouting and community activities. They relocated to Hong Kong for several years and ultimately returned to England.

Regardless of where she lived, Mary continued her education. She earned master's degrees in

educational psychology from California State University and health psychology from City University of London. As a professional psychologist, she worked in California, Paris, London and Hong Kong and authored professional papers that were published in medical journals all over the world. Wherever she went, however, Mary remained a Greenbelter at heart – outspoken, with a strong sense of community, and as comfortable talking to Hollywood celebrities as she was to friends at Greenbelt's iconic Golden Joe's.

Mary always had a soft spot for the underdog, and was nicknamed "Crusader Rabbit" by her mother. Whether counseling sick children and their families, organizing on behalf of low-paid workers, advocating for the incarcerated or speaking out against injustice wherever she saw it, Mary could be relied on to be fearlessly at the front of the march, literally and figuratively. She loved her family, everybody's kids, dancing, Greenbelt Labor Day parades, crab feasts and life.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Rev. Joseph T. Haslinger and John Paul Haslinger. She is survived by her husband Greg, her sons Joseph (Emma) of London and Luke of Brooklyn, N.Y.; her grandson Teddy; and her siblings Henrietta Bradley, Joan Mohan, Robert (Karen), Betsy Mewshaw, Nancy (James Johnson), Henry, Thomas (Joanne Colt) and Andrea (Gary Solis). Her brother Henry and her niece Sharon Bradley continue her legacy in Greenbelt. She is also survived by a large extended Rogers family and multitudes of nieces, nephews and friends. We will all miss her sense of humor, her infectious laugh and her generous spirit.

The Bible Says...

**But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.**

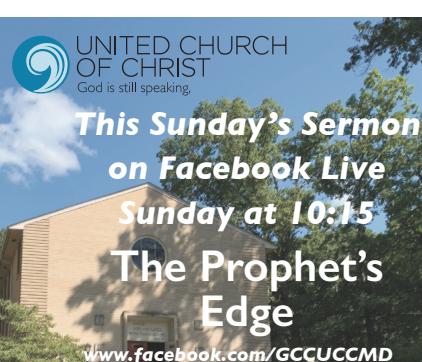
Matthew 6:33



**IN PERSON Sunday Worship Services**  
10a-11:15a @ Greenbelt Elementary School  
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## ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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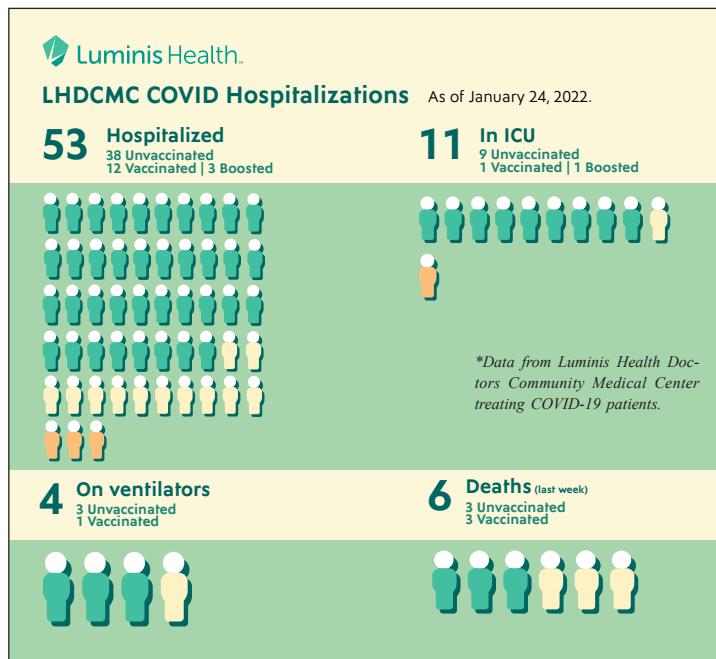
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## County and ZIP Code 20770 Covid Stats Continue Down

by Cathie Meetrie



This week's infographic, courtesy of Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center, shows a decline in overall hospitalizations with more beds freed up (last week's count of Covid patients was 99, this week's is 68). There are slightly more deaths than in earlier weeks, reflecting that mortality generally occurs significantly after the individual is first hospitalized.

Once again, the unvaccinated and partially vaccinated make up the overwhelming majority of patients, all of the deaths, all but one of the combined 14 intensive care unit and ventilator patients and 50 out of the 53 patients in the medical/surgical beds.

For Prince George's County as a whole, the picture is similar. Hospital bed utilization (peaked at 364 on January 11, was 241 on January 23), new cases and test positivity rates are all significantly down.

ZIP code 20770 reflects the wider area. The seven-day average count, which peaked at around 50 cases daily early in January, is now around 13, with new cases on January 24 and 25 down to seven and five each day, respectively.

Data in these reports are taken from the Prince George's County Daily Update and the Maryland ZIP Code database at coronavirus.maryland.gov/datasets/mdcovid19-master-zip-code-cases/explore.



Condolences for Heather Brooks and husband Will Hardy on the death of her father, Fred Brooks, on January 12. Heather and Will lived in Greenbelt for many years before moving to Laurel a few years ago.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mary Haslinger Rogers, who grew up in the 11 Court of Ridge Road in the large Haslinger family. Mary's brother Henry and her niece Sharon Bradley are the current family Greenbelters.

Congratulations to Greenbelter Jason Roe and bluegrass band Moose Jaw, whose 100-percent original album, Pickin' & Sinnin', dropped on January 18.

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**Visiting Sunday**

Today, honoring our theme of "Rest," your hard-working tech and worship volunteers are taking the day off. We have been invited to attend the service at All Souls Unitarian, in Washington DC at 10:30am. Please attend online and enjoy this experience of multi-platform worship.

## Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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**City Notes**

Street Maintenance kept salt trucks and spreaders ready during cold weather, locating and salting icy spots daily. Sustainability/Environmental held an electronics recycling event and a Pollinator Circle meeting. Building Maintenance installed a baby changing station in the men's bathroom at the Aquatic & Fitness Center. Refuse/Recycling collected 26.81 tons of refuse and 13.07 tons of recyclables.

After six adoptions, three kittens and two cats remain in the Animal Shelter.

Recreation Administration and Capital Area Food Bank coordinated on meals for the Springhill Lake After-School Program. Weather and staffing challenges affected the hours for the recreation centers.

The Virtual Recreation Center features many varied Black History Month presentations by participating organizations.

At the Community Center, ceramics students' wares grace the lobby display case. GAIL conducted a diaper distribution and Therapeutic Recreation co-ordinated meal delivery for 21 homebound seniors.

At Schrom Hills Park, rangers helped with reopening the community room and discouraged an itinerant jewelry seller.

**Donate Sneakers For People in Need**

The Board of Congregational Life at Greenbelt Community Church, United Church of Christ (GCC) is collecting athletic shoes by partnering with GotSneakers. This sneaker recycling program helps to keep sneakers out of landfills, where they have harmful effects on the environment. The sneakers are sent to countries where the poor often go barefoot out of necessity. For more information about GotSneakers, go to their website at [GotSneakers.com](http://GotSneakers.com).

A donation box is located outside the Fellowship Center (the small building behind the church) for people to drop off sneakers at any time. GotSneakers will pay GCC a varying amount for name-brand and off-brand laced-up sneakers with no tears inside or outside. The company even pays for cleaning and shipping – all GCC does is collect sneakers.

**City Offers Rent Utility Assistance**

Through CARES, those who live within the city limits of Greenbelt are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 per household from the American Rescue Plan Act federal funds for emergency rental assistance. Applicants must show financial hardship due to Covid-19. Previous recipients of rental or utility assistance funds can apply but the previous balances count toward the total grant award allowed.

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# City Information & Events

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**VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 5**

Monday, January 31 at 8 pm, **WORK SESSION – CITY MANGER'S UPDATE**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at [greenbeltdmd.gov/municipalv](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/municipalv)

Monday, January 31 Following City Manager's Update – **SPECIAL/CLOSED SESSION – Personnel Matters/Pending Legal Issues**

Tuesday, February 1 at 7 pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**, On the Agenda: Verification of quorum and call to order, Amendment/approval of the agenda, Amendment/approval of the December 7 minutes if available, Selection of a representative to the Grant Review Panel, Propose Merger of Greenbelt Recreation and the Greenbelt Museum, Updates on Roosevelt Center Lighting and Signage, Planning for 2022, Round Robin, Adjournment

Tuesday, February 1 at 7 pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**, On the Agenda: Discussing and planning community policing forums.

Wednesday, February 2 at 7:30 pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING**, On the Agenda: Call to order, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes of January 19, 2022, Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan, Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan Update, New Business, Adjourn

Wednesday, February 2 at 8 pm, **WORK SESSION – NATIONAL PARK SERVICE/GREENBELT PARK**, Virtual meeting will be shown on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and 996, and streaming at [greenbeltdmd.gov/municipalv](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/municipalv)

Saturday, February 5 at 9:30 am, **COUNCIL RETREAT**

*In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltdmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000. For information on public participation for the virtual meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [greenbeltdmd.gov](http://greenbeltdmd.gov)*

**GREENBELT NURSERY PROJECT**  
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To register, call 240-542-2019 or email [kfarzin@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:kfarzin@greenbeltdmd.gov)

**GREENBELT ARPA FUNDS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS UPDATE (AS OF 1/10/22)****Rent and Utility Assistance**

• 165 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$608,211.36

**Mortgage and HOA fee Assistance**

• 3 Greenbelt Households were granted assistance totaling \$6,525.53

**Business Improvement and Recovery Fund**

• 24 businesses and nonprofit organizations were granted assistance totaling \$400,000

**FEELING ISOLATED? LOOKING TO CONNECT WITH OTHERS?**

We are here to help. Join the Greenbelt Assistant in Living (GAIL) online support group. Meets every 3rd Wednesday, 2-3 pm.

Pre-registration required. Interested? Contact Sharon Johnson at 240-542-2029 or [Sjohnson@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:Sjohnson@greenbeltdmd.gov)

Greenbelt Black History and Culture Committee is excited to celebrate Black History Month this year focusing on the theme of Black Health and Wellness. The committee has added wealth and finance because they intersect with health and wellness. The Committee offers an exciting and informative array of programs and activities celebrating the contributions of African Americans to the economic and social growth of the U.S.A.

Please visit [greenbeltdmd.gov/bhm](http://greenbeltdmd.gov/bhm) to see a list of events and sign up!

**OFFICIAL NOTICE**

In accordance with Section 3-305(b)(1) and (7) of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, a closed session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on **Monday, January 31st, 2022**, virtually via zoom immediately following the City Manager's Quarterly Update: 1) discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; 2) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

The purpose of this meeting is 1) to address personnel matters over which this public body has jurisdiction; 2) to consult with legal counsel regarding outstanding legal matters.

\* The public may attend the Greenbelt Work Session prior to the closed session, and observe the vote of the City Council to move into closed session on Monday, January 31.

Bonita Anderson, City Clerk

**VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

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**CELEBRATION OF CENTENARIANS**

The City of Greenbelt would like to celebrate Greenbelt residents who have reached the milestone age of 100 years. If you would like to recognize your loved one or a friend, please contact Rebekah Sutfin 240-542-2056 or email at [rsutfin@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:rsutfin@greenbeltdmd.gov)

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played an instrument. Many, like me, didn't know the difference between a trombone and a flute. But, unlike the band in The Music Man (still my favorite movie), we didn't use the "think system." Mr. Garrett, our teacher and leader, was the son of a bandmaster and had been a clarinetist in the National Symphony Orchestra. Although his own expertise was with the clarinet, he knew how to play every instrument. He taught each person how to blow and how to finger their flute, clarinet, cornet or trombone. Each player had to learn how to play the scale and how to read music. Our practices were held in the auditorium of Center School every Friday night. Soon there came a night when he gave the signal for all of us together, to play just one assigned note, all at once. Out came the most beautiful sound I had ever heard!

Our first performance as a band was at a small church in Washington. Mr. Garrett had written by hand the music of simple hymns for each instrument. Soon we graduated to marches, then overtures. By February of 1942 we were a real band, with new uniforms. We played several marches at a Defense Rally held at Center School. First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt was the main speaker. After the program was over, Mrs. Roosevelt asked Mr. Garrett to line up all the band members so she could shake hands with each one of us. (I wrote about this occasion in the News Review of March 5, 1992, page 13.)

With the coming of World War II, our band underwent many changes. The older members were graduating from high school. The boys were going into military service, including those who played the larger instruments like tuba and the big horns. Some of the younger members switched from clarinet and cornet to take their places. I remember especially that Mahlon Eshbaugh, the first-chair clarinet player, switched to the sousaphone. I was asked to give up my little one-of-a-kind E-flat clarinet and was promoted to take Mahlon's place as head of the regular B-flat clarinet section. A "Feeder Band" was started, to teach younger children who wanted to join the band.

By 1943, even our leader, Paul Garrett, had left to serve as an officer in the Navy. He sent his brother, Dana Garrett, to be the new band conductor. Dana was an accomplished cornetist; he had toured the world with the renowned Sousa Band. Dana's first task was to ready the Feeder Band members for entry into the "big" band. He asked several of us original members to help him by giving private lessons to some of the younger players. I gave clarinet lessons on Saturdays in my basement at 7-K Crescent Road, and my friend Pat Brown taught flute to several younger members, including Shirley Morrison, the mayor's daughter.

Under Dana Garrett's leadership, the band grew and flourished. We performed at summer concerts on the lawn of Center School and at the water carnivals in the swimming pool, and at all the town's civic events. In 1944 and '45, Pat and I even wrote a column for the Cooperator called Toots, which reviewed the weekly concerts. As we improved musically, Dana worked on our

marching and showmanship skills. As the finale for one concert, Pat stood to play the piccolo obligato for the final chorus of Stars and Stripes Forever while I took the baton to lead the band and the whole cornet section stood and marched around to the front of the stage.

Pat and I were active in the band all through high school and beyond, but we were not there for the band's real "glory years" of the 1950s, when majorettes were added and trophies were won. Pat went on to the University of Maryland and joined their band, and was the flute soloist for the University's orchestra. I attended Trinity College and worked as a secretary for USDA in Beltsville. Pat was killed in an auto accident shortly before her graduation with honors from the University. She died on Easter Sunday 1949, two weeks before my marriage to Henry McFarland.

### Greenbelt Concert Band

By 1960, all the high schools had their own bands and the Greenbelt Community Band had come to an end. But some of the young people wished to continue playing music as adults; there was enthusiasm for an adult band in Greenbelt. With encouragement and support from the city fathers, the Greenbelt Concert Band was formed. A meeting was held at Center School for those interested. Donald Smith, leader of the High Point High School band, conducted the meeting. A few of us former members of the old Community Band showed up. I even got my husband to come for a few practices – but he already played in his polka band on weekends. George Townsend, whose father had been a leader of the U.S. Navy Band, was the flute player. "Butch" Domchick, retired from the Army Field Band, came. But the only clarinet players at first were Steve Polaschik and me – and we really needed a whole clarinet section. A small band of Greenbelters was formed, and I played with them at several concerts; I especially remember one at the Springhill Lake center building, with a young man named Howard Carle leading the band. But eventually I had to drop out to care for my growing family.

Several years later, when John Del Homme became leader, the city gave permission to open up the Concert Band to a broader population. The band's full name became Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince George's County. Many new players joined, some of them NASA employees or veterans of military bands. The Concert Band



Kathleen Scott and Pat Brown, 1945

- Photos by Nick Pergola



The Band poses for a professional photo in 1945. Kathleen Scott is first on left, first seated row. Mr. S. Harford Downs is behind her; he had taken on the role of bass drummer when Andy Freeman left to join the Navy. Pat Brown is 5th from left. Jimmy McCarl, the town dentist's son, is 2nd from left top row. Mahlon Eshbaugh is next to him. Conductor Dana Garrett is standing at far right. Mr. Colliver of the Parents Board is to his left.

flourished under Del Homme's leadership for many years, and later with Tom Cherrix as leader.

Today's Greenbelt Concert Band, now led by Joan Rackey, claims their beginnings in 1940. That's true in a way, the main difference being that the 1940 Greenbelt Community Band was made up of children and teenagers living in Greenbelt. Now the Greenbelt Concert Band is an adult band, still based in Greenbelt and open to all. The spirit is the same, as claimed in the banner the Concert Band displays: A

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# Roses for a Nuclear-Free World

by Donna Hoffmeister

At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 18, several dozen volunteers from peace organizations gathered at Robert Emmet Park, a cold and windy operations base camp on Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. From there, teams of four were dispatched to hand-deliver certificates of appreciation and a bouquet of yellow roses to the embassies of the nations that had ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). The colorful certificate of appreciation contained the photos of the flags of all 59 ratifying nations, plus the U.N. flag. The TPNW was ratified by a sufficient number of U.N. members for it to come into force on January 21, 2021. This was its first anniversary.

My group was made up of Sr. Carol Gilbert, a nuclear disarmament activist, Dr. Gwen DuBois, president of Chesapeake Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Andrea Norouzi of Frederick Friends Meeting. We delivered the first bouquet of yellow roses at 10:30 a.m. to Peru, which was the most recent nation, the 59th, to ratify the TPNW last month. Peruvian Ambassador Oswaldo de Rivero greeted us warmly. From there we delivered certificates to the embassies of Chile and Trinidad and Tobago, where they were accepted at the door. At the Embassy of Kazakhstan, Ambassador Yerzhan Ashikbayev spoke to the group for 30 minutes about his commitment to the TPNW, the harm from Soviet nuclear testing in his country and the importance of educating young people about the risk of nuclear war.

Several people from Pax Christi joined the delegation that visited the Embassy of the Holy See, the first state to ratify the TPNW. After that, the delegation visited the Embassy of Lesotho, where Counsellor Masopha Kao



From left, Donna Hoffmeister, Gwen DuBois, Peruvian Ambassador Oswaldo de Rivero, Sr. Carol Gilbert and Andrea Norouzi stand outside the Peruvian Embassy.

- Photos by Embassy staff

engaged in a short conversation with the group, and then went on to the Embassy of Paraguay. There, Second Secretary Lucas Strubing proved to be well-informed about the TPNW, describing the three-year long process his country took to ratify the treaty in January 2020.

Over the course of three days a total of 21 volunteers, all ordinary citizens, delivered certificates of appreciation and roses to the 45 D.C. embassies of the countries who have ratified the treaty. The visits aimed not only to celebrate the first anniversary of the TPNW but to remind people of the unparalleled risk nuclear weapons continue to pose.

The ratifying members – all of them non-nuclear states, including Algeria, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, the Philippines, South Africa, Thailand and Vietnam, to mention some of the largest nations – have said they will never acquire, host or develop nuclear weapons. One way to make the world safer from the threat of nuclear war would be to remove in-ground Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs) from

the U.S. arsenal. Unfortunately, without changes to former President Trump's Nuclear Posture Review, the U.S. plans to build a new generation of ICBMs, called the Ground-Based Strategic Deterrent, at a cost of nearly \$265 billion. We will learn in a few weeks whether the Biden administration supports these new ICBMs, when it discloses its nuclear weapons policy.

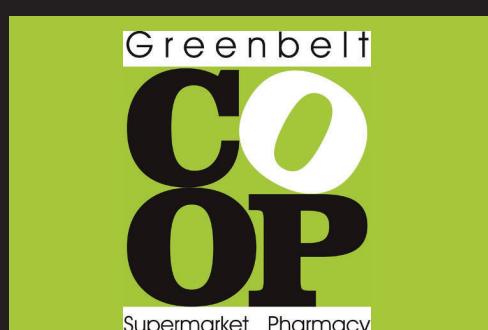


From left, David Grant, Alem Bolatov (Executive Assistant to the Ambassador), Jim Wagner, Andrea Norouzi, Ambassador Yerzhan Ashikbayev, Sr. Carol Gilbert and Gwen DuBois stand outside the Kazakhstan embassy.



Banner at Robert Emmet Park in Washington, D.C.

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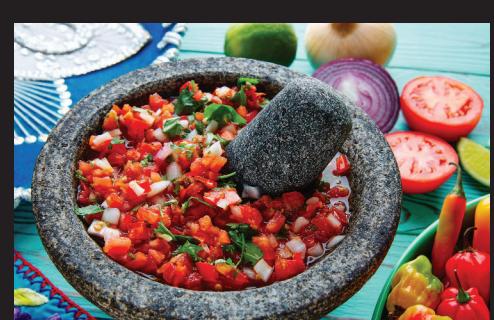
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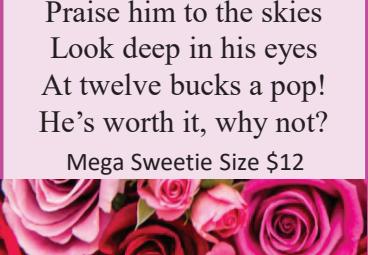


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health and safety concerns. The pharmacy has provided frontline service in vaccinations, boosters and Covid testing.

Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (GFCU) President Ed James said that the majority of service remains electronic, with in-person safety precautions like a sneezeguard in place for walk-in customers. He said that solvency has been maintained and the Credit Union received a positive audit from their national office. Many upgrades, including the security and computer systems and the ATM, have been made. When asked about Saturday hours, he responded that if the traffic demanded it, it would be a possibility.

For the Greenbelt Arts Center, Sian MacAdam said that live theater will have to wait, with the emphasis on online and outside ventures. She said that at this point plans were in a state of flux and "nothing is off the table."

McGrath said that the OGT is "doing well," in spite of its drop to 25 percent capacity and revenues. Assiduous safety measures like masks and vaccine cards are in place. She was excited over the success of the private screening room, additional screening room and soon-to-be-finished media arts literacy lab. The OGT was able to raise roughly \$25,000 at a recent fundraiser.

Gretchen Schock, of Bee Yoga Fusion, faced a huge drop in in-person classes with Omicron. Virtual instruction has provided most of her patronage. She said that she faced staffing issues as many trainers are part-time and have had to leave due to personal situations.

Brandon Cole, owner of Choice Clinical Services, has had to pivot to mostly virtual visits, regretting the loss of the one-on-one human connection in sessions. He said that he has "survived and even grown a little bit," as residents are in need of support in this trying period.

Michael Hartman, Mark Cheater as well as Gillotte, who oversees food and beverage, spoke for the New Deal Café. Cheater said that the Café lost 90 percent of its revenue, has had to limit capacity and postpone regular live music. Gillotte called this a "bad financial but a right safety decision," with choices he has never had to make in 30 years as a businessman. In June, the Café is expected to pay back on government loans and the representatives were hopeful that the city can provide assistance. Council pledged its support, unsure if the upcoming American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds would qualify, as they are reserved for Covid-related impacts.

The Granite Building owner Kim Kash was proud to report full occupancy in this newly renovated facility. She said she was happy to provide a full-service lease to her tenants.

The Farmers Market continues to receive support from residents, with farmers and vendors achieving pre-pandemic levels of patronage.

There was general frustration leveled at property owner George Christacos for what was seen as a negligent approach to the maintenance of the Center's two historic buildings. The RCMA merchants were in agreement that pressure, perhaps from city government or legal means, needs to be applied

to resolve this issue.

Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Judith Davis recounted past conversations with the owner that were not constructive. Councilmember Rodney Roberts recommended a kinder, and thus more efficacious approach, saying he was ashamed of council's previous dealings with the owner.

In a subsequent interview with Mike Samson, maintenance overseer for Christacos, it was asserted that his organization has happily and quickly addressed issues that fall under its purview, like roofing and gutters. When it concerns things like exterior lighting (much of which was installed by tenants) and anything that relates to the grounds, Samson claims that these are the responsibility of the tenants or the city. Samson further stated that cracks in the walkways were fixed even though this was technically a city duty.

Tenants of Christacos are very interested in having utility meters individualized to their respective

businesses so that they will be responsible only for their own usage. City Attorney Todd Pounds, in a separate statement, was unsure if ARPA funds could be used for this purpose.

The sense of public safety at the Center was generally high, but Gillotte reported some instances of juvenile shoplifting at the Co-op.

This led to a discussion of the chronic problem of smoking at the Center which is illegal as it is a city park. Davis reported that violators are sometimes belligerent when confronted. A solution would probably involve a greater presence of Greenbelt police officers, who are unfortunately needed elsewhere.

Jordan remarked that Roosevelt Center has been "hit harder than any other commercial section of town." He committed complete support to "this very important part of the city," thanking the RCMA for the work and sacrifices they have made these past two years.



Greenbelt Federal Credit Union

## Roosevelt Center Shaggy Dog Story Features Fencing Fiasco

by Cathie Meetre



PHOTO BY SANDY RODGERS

A stroll by the New Deal Café shows the patio fence is missing after the dog adventure.

Coffee-klatschers in the New Deal Café's back room on Friday, January 21, were startled from their sipping reveries by a loud crashing and banging accompanied by cries, shouts and howls of alarm. Those facing the window leapt to their feet when they saw, to their consternation, a several-foot-long dark-green trellised structure fly rapidly by, crashing and banging as it went careening along, apparently self-propelled. It went round the corner of the The Granite Building toward the Aquatic Center and just as suddenly came to a jangling, juddering halt.

Lacking only helmets and batons, but otherwise in true Keystone Kops fashion, the apparition was closely followed by two gesticulating ladies giving chase and approached at its head by a gentleman down on his hands

and knees. A pause ensued as the three figures surrounded the stuck structure in a clearly concerted effort. The Café-dwellers looked on aghast. It is not every day, after all, that one witnesses a self-propelled fence.

The coffee drinkers, brought together briefly by this shared and alarming spectacle, gradually made sense of the scene. A dog had been attached to the fence that surrounds the patio near the New Deal front door, tethered while its owner went inside for a sip o' Joe. The dog, perhaps feeling left out, decided to move from its appointed spot to a better vantage point. But the fence by the Café door is merely a divider and not anchored down – so when pooch pulled, the fence fell over with a loud and scary

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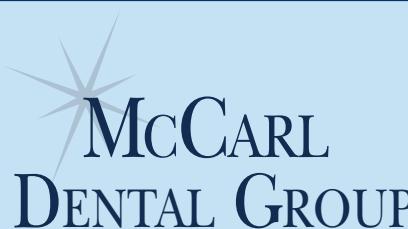
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# Police Blotter

This report from the Greenbelt Police Department covers the period January 17 through 23. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an enquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email pd@greenbeltd.gov. Note that the times provided are for the report and the incident described may have occurred earlier.

It is noticeable that of seven vehicles stolen in this period, three had been left unlocked and with the keys in the ignition.

**Assault:** On 01/20 at 21:56 near 6100 Breezewood Ct.

**Auto stolen:** On 01/20 at 09:47 near 6600 Lake Park Dr. Vehicle broken into, keys to second vehicle obtained by offender, which resulted in the second vehicle, a blue Hyundai Sonata, being stolen.

**Auto stolen:** On 01/20 at 15:39 near 5800 Cherrywood Ter. Silver 2008 Honda Accord stolen after vehicle was left unlocked with keys in ignition. Vehicle was later recovered, keys not located.

**Auto stolen:** On 01/17 at 00:34 near 6000 Springhill Dr. Blue 2021 Mazda CX-5 stolen. Vehicle left unlocked with keys inside.

**Auto stolen:** On 01/21 at 05:18 near 7800 Vanity Fair Dr. 2017 Hyundai Sonata stolen after keys were left in center console and door was unlocked.

**Auto stolen:** On 01/22 at 08:33 near 400 Ridge Rd. Volkswagen Tiguan stolen.

**Auto stolen:** On 01/23 at 10:10 near 5200 Sable Ct. Gray 2021 Honda Civic stolen.

**Auto theft:** On 01/17 at 10:12 near 6100 Breezewood Dr. Catalytic converter theft.

**Auto theft:** On 01/18 at 07:17 near 9100 Edmonston Rd. Attempted catalytic converter theft.

**Auto theft:** On 01/19 at 21:57 near 9100 Edmonston Ct. Registration sticker stolen.

**Auto theft:** On 01/21 at 16:04 near 6200 Springhill Dr. License plate stolen.

**Auto theft:** On 01/21 at 17:18 near 5800 Cherrywood Ln. License plate stolen.

**Auto theft:** On 01/22 at 11:14 near 5800 Cherrywood Ln. Catalytic converter theft.

**Auto theft:** On 01/22 at 15:17 near 7400 Greenway Center Dr. Items taken from vehicle, no damage to vehicle.

**Auto theft:** On 01/23 at 08:53 near 6200 Springhill Dr. Rear driver's side tire stolen.

**Auto vandalism:** On 01/17 at 20:23 near 6200 Springhill Dr. Front windshield shattered, nothing taken.

**Auto vandalism:** On 01/19 at 09:47 near 6100 Breezewood Dr. Passenger side rear view mirror bent outward.

**Auto vandalism:** On 01/21 at 13:58 near 6100 Breezewood Dr. Passenger mirror smashed.

**Auto vandalism:** On 01/23 at 11:45 near 9200 Edmonston Rd. Vehicle burned from interior, Prince George's County Fire Marshall notified.

**Break in:** On 01/17 at 17:21 near 7200 Mathew St. Personal safe damaged, contents stolen from residence.

**DUI:** On 01/23 at 07:04 near 5800 Cherrywood Ln. DUI Arrest.

**Suspicious Person:** On 01/22 at 00:14 near 9100 Springhill Ln. Two individuals attempted to gain entry into residence, they were unsuccessful and no damage was done to the residence.

**Theft:** On 01/17 at 18:21 near 14 Crescent Rd. Personal property taken by known individual.

**Theft:** On 01/18 at 13:00 near 100 Centerway. Shoplifting.

**Theft:** On 01/18 at 16:58 near 7400 Greenbelt Rd. Eb. Shoplifting.

**Theft:** On 01/21 at 12:52 near 6000 Greenbelt Rd. Wb. Repeat offender reported for shoplifting thousands of dollars of merchandise between October 2021 and January 2022.

**Trespassing:** On 01/21 at 12:48 near 6000 Greenbelt Rd. Wb. Trespassing

**Vandalism:** On 01/17 at 04:23 near 9000 Breezewood Ter. Glass door to residence shattered.

**Vandalism:** On 01/20 at 22:16 near 5800 Cherrywood Ter.

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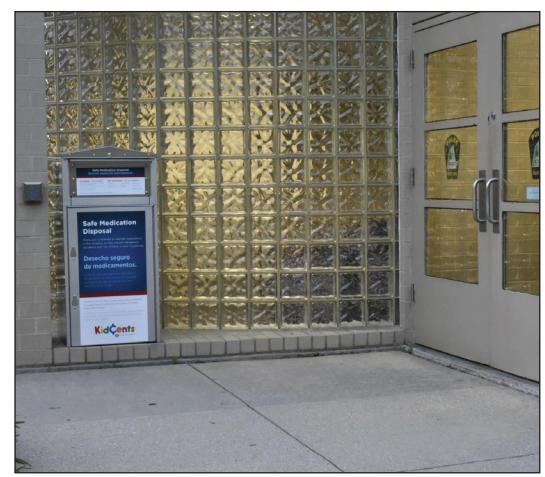
# Drug Drop Box Back in Service

The Greenbelt Police Department once again has a strongbox available for Greenbelters to drop off unwanted, unused or expired prescription medication. The box, located in front of the police station at 550 Crescent Road, had been out of service for several months. It was built and installed with the partnerships of the Rite Aid Foundations, KidCents Safe Kids Medication Disposal Program as well as the Public Safety Advisory Committee, police department and public works department.

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A drug drop-off box is installed outside the Police Station at 550 Crescent Road.

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## SHAGGY continued from page 8

crash. Pooch, startled by the sudden bang right next to him and possibly hit or tugged by the fence, took off in panic but, attached as he was to the plastic fence, pulled it pell-mell behind him – frightening him worse than ever. Panicked, the dog flew off – fence attached – followed (from his canine point of view) by a crashing, banging monster right on his tail. Run Forrest, Run!

About 100 feet and only moments later, he rounded the corner at the end of the New Deal by the loading dock and started alongside the The Granite Building at speed, still trailing the section of fence (a good eight feet long and three high). Then, fortunately, the fence snagged a

car parked by the The Granite Building (or who knows where it would have stopped), bringing the stampeding dog to a jarring halt and giving the owner a chance to run out and unhitch the frantic animal.

After a period of ministration and untangling, this newspaper is happy to report that the dog reappeared, comforted and apparently in fine fettle, trotting with his owner back to the Café to face the music. The fence, though somewhat more the worse for wear than its tug, was restored to the New Deal. That's one tough pooch and the fence is no slouch either.

This is not a made-up story (ask Dan Gillotte) and certainly the incident could have seriously injured the animal or a passerby and done more damage to property. So, we do not make light of the risk involved.

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## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

### Meeting of the GHI Board of Directors on February 3, 2022

#### A. GHI Closed Meeting – begins at 7:00 p.m. (closed to visitors and members)

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on December 16, 2021
- b) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on January 6, 2022
- c) Request from a Member for a Rental Permit
- d) Member Complaint Matter
- e) Member Financial Matters
- f) Acquisition of New Radios for the Maintenance Department - 1st reading

#### B. GHI Open Meeting – begins at 7:45 p.m. (open to visitors and members)

- a) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on January 20, 2022
- b) Statement of Closed Meeting Held on February 3, 2022
- c) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on January 6, 2022
- d) Review Proposed Solar PVES Pre-paid Power Purchase Agreement
- e) Member's Suggestions for Protecting Neighbors' Rights During GHI Addition Permit Process
- f) Proposal to Replace Existing Porch and Shed Roof at a GHI Unit with a Larger Porch Equipped with a Gable Roof
- g) 2022 Maryland Legislative Bills that may Impact GHI
- h) Preparations for the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting
- i) Proposed Amendments to GHI Bylaws
- j) Review 2021-22 Board Action Plan & Committee Task List
- k) Motion to Hold a Closed Meeting on February 17, 2022
- l) Items of Information:
  - Status of Yardi Property Management System Implementation
  - Staffing Updates

To deter hacking, GHI requires persons who wish to attend the GHI Open meeting on February 3, 2022, at 7:45 p.m., to register in advance by accessing the following link:

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## BADMINTON continued from page 1

shuttlecocks are both allowed in regulation play and on offer at Greenbelt's badminton club.

Peter showed me how to test the tension of a racquet by lightly dinging it against my head and listening to the ping of the strings, but I mostly heard a hollow donking sound so think I didn't have the necessary finesse for that technique. Club regular Amy Feng showed me how to try on my hand, also a bit of a fail for me, but I got the idea: a nice ping indicates the strings on the racquet are at the preferred tension.

Attendees on Sunday hailed originally from Ukraine, Taiwan, the Netherlands, the United States and points in between, and represented all skill levels, with me bringing up the bottom end and Peter maxing out the top. The wide range of countries of origin and ages present led me to conduct a little unofficial poll, as I started to wonder if badminton was more popular in places outside the United States than in it. I polled a variety of friends and family, asking them if they'd taken badminton in elementary or high school gym and, if so, in what country they were in for those grades. I learned that while not everyone had had the opportunity to play in school, most had, and I asked people from 18- to 70-years-old, American, Canadian, Danish and beyond.

I surprised myself with those results. But then Peter told me about Canadian-born Judy Devlin, who settled at a young age in the Baltimore area with her family and went on to be one of the greatest players of her generation, dominating the U.S. sport and winning 86 national and international titles. Baltimore! That's right up the road! It turns out badminton is a truly global sport, widely popular, affordable and quite easy to get started playing. Whether you're new or an experienced competitor, the club offers the opportunity to play at your level with friendly folks who love the game. And they'll lend you a racquet.

Greenbelt's badminton club meets on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Youth Center Gym and follows the City of Greenbelt's Covid-19 safety precautions. All are welcome.



Greenbelters play badminton.

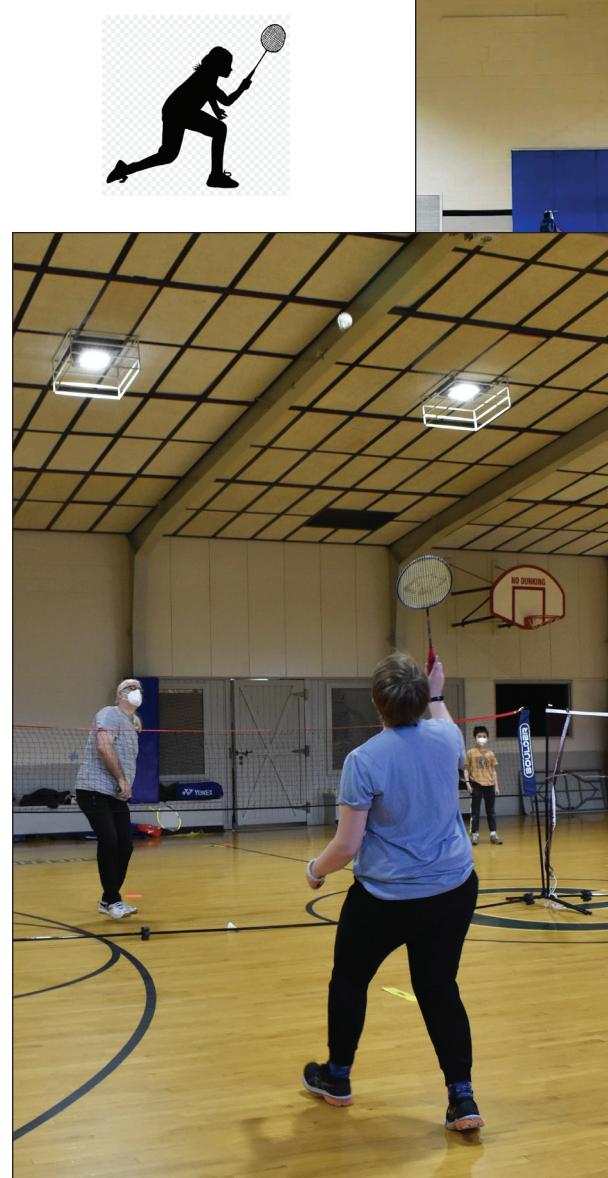


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A gaggle of geese stands on the frozen Lake, despite the cold wind.

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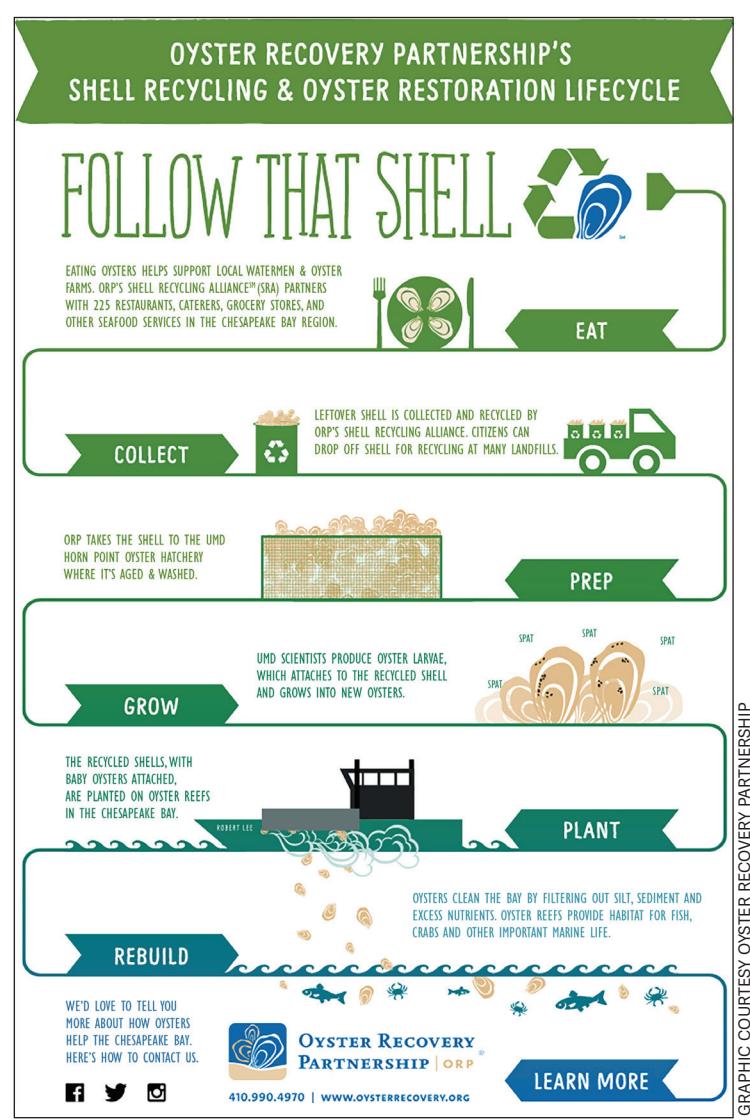
## No Shell Left Behind

Do you eat raw oysters or know someone who does? You can now help in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay by saving the shells and dropping them off at the City of Greenbelt's new public drop-off site for oyster shell recycling, the first in Prince George's County. Residents can take their empty oyster shells to the drop-off location at the Buddy Attick Park Residential Recycling Center. Bring shells home from the oyster bar or restaurant.

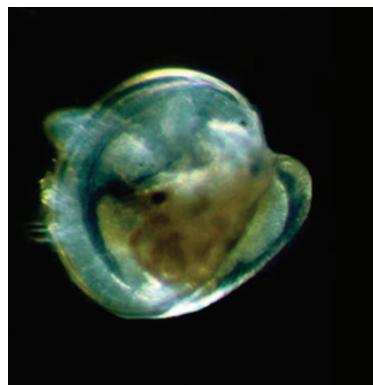
This lifecycle graphic shows how the donated shells will be used to help restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay. The shell restoration and recycling program is a joint effort of the Oyster Recovery Partnership and the University of Maryland Horn Point Hatchery.



A spat-on-shell is ready for planting.



Recycling and restoration lifecycle



A larva swims freely before setting.

- Photos courtesy UM CES  
Horn Point Oyster Hatchery



Oyster shells are ready for recycling.



Birds at the feeder add some color to a January day.

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Great Blue Heron at Greenbelt Lake

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